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### Southwest Missouri (Region D) EMDs Adopt Project Community Alert

Region D's SMESO (Southwest Missouri Emergency Support Organization) held regional press conferences in Springfield and Joplin on May 4<sup>th</sup>, the second anniversary of the 2003 tornados in Southwest Missouri. The press conferences promoted Project Community Alert, a partnership between emergency management and retailers to sell the NOAA All-Hazards Alert Radios. Emergency Management Directors (EMDs) also contacted newspapers and radio stations for additional local area.

In the Project Community Alert program, retailers agree to sell the All-Hazard radio for the set price at \$29.95. They do not make a profit on it. Their cost is \$27.50. The difference is given to emergency management or a local community agency.

SMESO has also set up a website for the Southwest Missouri PCA program – [www.pca-radio.com](http://www.pca-radio.com). The page has information on the radios, lists EMDs for PCA, and the vendors that are selling the radios.

Many Area D EMDs, the Greene County Commissioners, and Price Cutter Stores participated in the Springfield press conference held at the National Weather Service Offices. Jaci McReynolds, Region D Bio-terrorism PIO, coordinated the event. Jasper and Newton County EMDs, county commissioners, and Walgreen's Stores, participated at the Joplin press conference. Lynn Onstot, City of Joplin PIO, coordinated the event.

For more information on the PCA program contact Tanya L. Allen, of Emergency Management Consulting Solutions, LLC of Kansas City. She can help with press releases, banners, brochures, and is a Midland Radio contact.



**SPRINGFIELD PRESS CONFERENCE:** Front row - Candy Adams, Region D Area Coordinator, Bill Sexton, Webster County EMD, Joye McElwee, Springfield-Greene County EMD, Kermit Hargis, Polk County EMD. 2nd row - Linsay Freese, Price Cutter Stores Rep., Rob Slenz, City of Republic Assistant EMD; Terry Lane, Dallas County EMD and SMESO President; Mike Rowe, Lawrence County EMD; Phil Amtower, Christian County EMD; Ryan Nicholls, City of Willard EMD; Larry Woods, Assistant EMD for Springfield-Greene County; Ted Martin, Assistant Chief for Branson Fire Department; and Brian Newberry, Assistant Chief, Nixa Fire Department.

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## ***Director's Report***

While summer signals longer days, a slower pace, and vacations, there is no rest for emergency management. Like so many of you who participated in the Homeland Security Response Team exercises and local exercises, SEMA participates in many exercises over the summer.



This May, SEMA participated in the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant exercise, and facilitated a Department of Mental Health exercise. This summer, SEMA will be participating with state agencies in six SEOC communications, a terrorism, and the Cooper Nuclear exercises before the end of August.

I encourage you to take advantage of the free training classes that SEMA offers. You can register for classes on line. If you would like some specific classes for your area, contact either your Area Coordinator or the training branch.

I am making it a priority to meet as many Emergency Management Directors as possible. As my schedule permits, I will try to attend at least one Area Coordinator quarterly meeting this year. Remember, SEMA is a resource to help you do your job more effectively.

Enjoy your summer!

## **Good News Stories....**



### **City of Independence Citizen Corps Celebrates New Offices**

The City of Independence celebrated the grand opening of the new City of Independence Citizen Corps Volunteer Office. A ribbon cutting ceremony was conducted Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at the new Citizen Corps Volunteer Office that is located in the historic Independence Square district.

The Independence Citizen Corps effort is a collaborative effort among key partners within the city. The Independence Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) is especially proactive with Helen Matson, City of Independence Volunteer Coordinator. Key members of the OEP including Citizen Corps Coordinator Mark Widner, Assistant Fire Chief Ron Thompson, Citizen Corps Volunteer Judy Sturgess and Fire Chief Sandy Schiess actively recruit volunteers for Citizen Corps, emergency management and other volunteer programs. One outstanding success story focuses on a CERT volunteer recently saving the life of a choke victim.

The City strongly supports the Citizens Corps program. Mayor Ron Stewart, City Manager Robert Heacock and other key City officials are 100% behind the Citizen Corps effort. "Our success is largely due to the support of our Mayor and key City officials," said Mark Widner who along with Helen Matson are the driving force behind the effort. Helen said, "Independence has a strong community spirit". Also attending the ceremony were Deputy Director James Wakeman, Citizen Corps Coordinator Jamie Dake, and Statewide Volunteer Coordinator Dante Gliniecki from SEMA, and Tony Gasbarre, Citizen Corps Program Manager from FEMA Region VII.



## **Gordon Andrews, West Plains EMD to Retire**

Gordon Andrews, West Plains EMD since 1988, will “retire” on July 31, 2005. Gordon will be honored during the Area G quarterly meeting on September 7th. He is currently one of the longest serving EMDs. An enthusiastic EMD, his city has on display commendations for service throughout his civilian and Army career.

## **Emergency Managers Host “Safety City” at The Greater Kansas City Home Show**

Visitors to the Greater Kansas City Home Show in mid-March talked with emergency managers about preparing for all kinds of hazards - from tornados to terrorism - at “Safety City,” hosted by the region’s Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee (MEMC).

MEMC is one of several public safety and emergency planning committees supported by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC). MEMC Missouri members include: American Red Cross, Belton EMA, Blue Valley Public Safety, Cass County EMA, Central Jackson FPD, Excelsior Springs EMA, FEMA, Grandview FD, Greenwood EMA, Harrisonville FD, Independence FD, Jackson County EMA, KCMO Health Department, KCMO Household Waste, Lee’s Summit FD, Liberty EMA, Lotawana FPD, Mid-America Regional Council, MAST/

EPI, Mid-American LEPC, SEMA, National Weather Service, North KCMO FD, Platte County Sheriff’s Dept, Raymore EMA, Raytown FD, Raytown PD, Riverside Public Safety, Sni-Valley FPD, South Metro FPD, Salvation Army, West Peculiar EMA, and Weston EMA.

Safety City featured informative, interactive displays and demonstrations to help adults and children learn about different types of safety and the importance of planning and preparation. Some highlights include: The National Weather Service had demonstrations on NOAA weather and all-hazard alert radios and information about severe weather safety. The South Metropolitan Fire Protection District will offer Fire “Safety House” with smoke detectors and see how smoke would fill the rooms in the event of a fire. Other displays featured information on chemical safety, seatbelt safety, travel safety information for the metro area, household hazardous waste and safe alternatives and disposal methods.

## **Sloan Speaks to First MSHP Radio Recruit Class**

Steve Sloan, Deputy Operations Chief, gave a tour and a broad overview of the Incident Command System (ICS) to over 20 Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) students in the Patrol’s First Radio Recruit Class. Veteran communications officers joined the recruits during the ICS presentation.

## **LP Gas Live Burn Class in Winona**

A Liquid Petroleum (LP) Gas Live Burn Class was conducted in Winona at the Elementary School. Class went from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30

p.m. To make the class more realistic, Winona moved the ball cap factory’s air compressor to the parking lot. West Plains Fire Department brought the Hazmat trainer, which had 10 SCBAs. Instructors placed a yellow tape ‘Fire Liner Do not Cross’ up all around the training site for the controlled burn. The tape also kept citizens watching the training a safe distance from the burn.

Twelve Fire Departments participated in the training. They were: Mountain Grove, Eminence, Mountain View, Timber, Winona, Alton, Birch Tree, Clear Springs, West Plains, Van Buren, Tyrone, and Ellington. Seven counties were represented: Carter, Texas, Howell, Wright, Oregon, Reynolds, and Shannon

Special thanks goes to the Shannon County LEPC, BEST, MFA LP Gas Companies, and the instructors for their support. Winona and Birch Tree Fire Departments hosted and advertised the classes to the other fire departments.

Congratulations to the Newest PDS Graduates

## **8 Earn DPS Designation**

Eight emergency managers earned the Professional Development Series (PDS) designation in emergency management training. Congratulations to: Phil Amtower, Christian County Emergency Management Director, Pamela Carroll, Midwest Specialist with SARCOM in Kansas City, Antonia Gist-Signs of GKN Aerospace in Hazelwood, Robert Hutson of Bourbon Emergency Management Agency, Tim Woerther of SBC Services in St. Louis, Victor Argilagos, Larry Woods and Carolyn Finke all of Greene County/Springfield Emergency Management Agency.



## CMSU Establishes Institute for Rural Emergency Management

Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, is beginning the development of The Institute for Rural Emergency Management. The Institute will publish best practices, guidelines and manuals based on projects and research that would help prepare rural communities for emergencies. Student papers and projects will be accepted for publication. Additionally the Institute for Rural Emergency Management will facilitate student involvement in projects that will assistance and support the emergency planning and preparedness activities of rural communities, institutions, and businesses.

Central Missouri State University is also accepting applications for admission to the BS in Crisis and Disaster Management for Fall 2005. For more information contact Dianna Bryant, Associate Professor at 660-543-4971 or [Bryant@cmsu1.cmsu.edu](mailto:Bryant@cmsu1.cmsu.edu)

**DPS MERITORIOUS EMPLOYEE:** Cathy Zumwalt, SEMA Communications Specialist and Spring Conference Coordinator, was named the May Department of Public Safety Meritorious Employee. In August, Cathy will have worked with SEMA for 31 years and plans to retire. Congratulations!

## Moody Named SEMA Operations Officer

Stephan Moody joined the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) as the Operations Branch chief effective April 8, 2005. Prior to joining SEMA, he was employed for 23 years with the Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks. He is an adjunct professor at Central Missouri State University (CMSU), Warrensburg, where he teaches "Crisis & Disaster Management," and "Emergency Response" in the Department of Safety and Science Technology.

The Caruthersville native is the son of the late George A. and Louise Moody. He is a 1974 Caruthersville High School graduate. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps 1974-76. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration in 1980 from CMSU. Moody served as a Warrensburg Police Officer while earning his Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from CMSU in 1982



### At A Glance

#### New Directors

**Rick Davis** is the EMD for Pleasant Hope (Polk County); **Jim Miles** EMD for City of Concordia (Lafayette County); **Rodney Anthony Harris** EMD for City of Arrow Point Village (Barry County).

#### Congratulations

**Christian County** became a Storm Ready community on June 10, 2005.

**Randy Cole** is the new State Fire Mar-  
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shal with the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Public Safety.

#### Retirements

**Gordon Andrews**, EMD of West Plains since 1988, will retire effective July 31, 2005. Enjoy your retirement!

**Ron Cates**, Deputy Director for the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, will retire effective June 20, 2005.

#### Condolences

**Carol Coleman** retired FEMA Region VII, Individual Assistance Branch Chief, on the death of her husband, John, in March. John retired from FEMA following the summer 1993 floods.

**Jimmy Swaggerty**, Emergency Management Director of Cedar County and Fire Chief of Caplinger Mills for many years, died suddenly of a heart attack May 27, 2005, at his home in Caplinger Mills.

# DNR issues information on Low Level Radioactive Shipments

*By Alan J. Reinkemeyer  
Environmental Manager - Section Chief  
Missouri Department of Natural Resources*

Many of you may be aware that starting next week (June 6 as of now which could change), an estimated 3,500 truck shipments of radioactive waste from the Fernald site (a former Department of Energy uranium processing facility) near Cincinnati, Ohio will be passing through Missouri. The shipments will enter Eastern Missouri via I-270 to I-44 and travel West on I-44 until it leaves Missouri in Newton County and into Oklahoma.

I have included a web link from the Fernald web site, which provides information about the background, history, characterization of waste shipments, description of the shipping containers, waste classification, and Fernald's emergency response telephone number. This should help provide you and your emergency responders information about the shipments and help you answer any questions you receive from the public and/or media.

I am confident that these shipments will pass through Missouri safely and without incident. These are considered low level waste shipments. However, as we all know there is always the possibility of an accident and/or incident. Thus each of our agencies need to plan, prepare and coordinate in the unlikely event. I would advise that you educate your responders about the shipments with this fact sheet found on the web site below:

<http://www.fernald.gov/NewsUpdate/PDFs/4-28-05%20Silos%20and%20Transportation%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

According to the fact sheet an unbreached container will normally read 75 millirem/hour on the container surface package or 9 millirem/hour at 2 meters away. If a shipment is involved in an accident and readings are significantly above these levels then take protective measures and contact the Fernald emergency response telephone number.

In addition, if one of these shipments are involved in an accident, I ask that emergency response agencies contact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Emergency Response 24 hour spill line (573-634-2436). We will then take the information and contact the appropriate state agencies (SEMA, Dept of Health & Senior Services, etc) and work with Fernald to get the situation addressed. In addition, we will stand ready to send staff to the incident to assist local responders.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 573-526-3384 or by calling our EER Duty Officers at 573-634-2436.

## Changes at SEMA

### Promotions

**Bruce Fisher** (former EMO III) has been promoted to the Planner III position for the Kansas City area. He continues to work in the Planning & Disaster Recovery Branch.

### New Employees

**June Simonton** is the new training assistant in the Operations Branch.

**Steve Moody** is the new Operations Branch Chief.

**Christy Knipp** is the new Accountant III, She will be working with the EMPG program. Christy worked at SEMA about 6 years ago and has returned.

### Retirements

**Karen Libbert**, Accountant in Fiscal, retired May 1, 2005

**Tom LeComte**, Area Coordinator for Region F, retired June 1, 2005



**Don Carter** Disaster Public Assistance Projects, retires July 1, 2005. He has been with SEMA since the 1993 Floods working with local governments on Disaster Public Assistance Projects. His expertise and professionalism will be missed by both SEMA and local officials

**Cathy Zumwalt**, Communications Specialist with over 30 years at SEMA, plans to retire August 1, 2005.

### Congratulations

**Gayla Weber** is a new mother! Congratulations on adopting newborn son, Matthew Weber. Gayla is the Earthquake Program Manager in Floodplain & Mitigation Branch,

**Bob Dopp**, Executive Director of the Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC), is the new president of the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO). Dopp will serve a 2-year term.

**Mike Dorman**, General Services in Fiscal, has a new grandson, Timothy.

# ***Homeland Security Grant Awards...***

## **Missouri Awards 130 Interoperable Communications Grants**

Money saved the FY'03 Homeland Security Part II grant group purchases resulted in a savings of \$1,806,876.65. Earlier this year all Interoperable Communications Grants were peer reviewed. The savings from earlier Homeland Security grants were applied toward helping additional applicants.

**Jurisdictions** receiving grants are: Ava, Aurora PD, Bakersfield VFPD, Bethany Fire, Bethany Police, Bunceton PD, Butler Fire, Cameron Ambulance District, Cape Girardeau EMA, Caulfield Fire, Cole Camp EMA, Crocker FPD, Cuba, Delta FPD, Dunnegan FPD, East Prairie, Eldon Fire, Eldon Fire Dispatch, Gerald Area Ambulance, Gordonville Police, Gorin VFD, Grant Township FPD, Hermann area EMS, Higginsville area EMS, Highlandville FPD, Hollister Police, Houston, Iberia FPD, Keytesville Police/Public Works, Kimberling City Police, Lilbourn VFD, Macon Police, Marionville Police, Leopold VFD, Macon PD, Maryville Public Safety, Meta FPD, Mindenmines VFD, Nixa FPD, Oran FDP, Owensville Communications, Ozark PD, Park Hills, Portageville, Purdy FD, Rutledge Fire, Scott City, St. Elizabeth FPD, St Louis East County FPD, Southwest Missouri State University Safety, Stover RFPD, Wayland VFPD, Waynesville PD, Wheeling RFD, and Wyaconda FD.

**Joint Recipients** are: Highland/Oregon County, and Kahoka/Clark County Fire.

**Counties** receiving grants are: Audrain County E911, Barry County Communications, Bates County Sheriff, Bates County EMA, Butler County EMA, Butler County FPD, Cedar County EMA, Chariton County Sheriff, Chariton County 911, Cooper County EMA/911, Cooper County 911, Dade County EMS, Douglas County EMA, Dunklin County 911, East Perry County RFPD, Gasconade County EMA, Harrison County EMA, Henry County Sheriff, Henry County EMA, Iron, Laclede, Lafayette County 911, Lawrence, Lewis County 911, Lewis County EMA, Livingston County 911, Miller County EMA, Miller County Ambulance, Miller County Sheriff, Morgan, New Madrid County EMA, Newton, Nodaway County Communications, Perry County Ambulance District, Pettis County Sheriff, Polk County Sheriff, Polk County Central Dispatch, Pulaski County 911, Pulaski, Putnam County E911, Ripley County EMA, Scotland County EMA, Scotland County Sheriff, Scott County 911, Shannon, Shelby, Ste. Genevieve, Ste. Genevieve County 911, St. Francois County 911, Stoddard County 911, Stoddard County Sheriff, Stone County 911, Stone County Sheriff, Sullivan County 911, Taney County Ambulance, Texas County EMA, Vernon, Vernon County EMA, Washington County Dispatch, Wayne County FPD, and Wright County EMA.

## **31 Law Enforcement Agencies Receive LETTP Round #2 Grants**

An additional, 31 law enforcement agencies will receive personal protective gear and other

equipment. The Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETTP) grants peer review committee met last June to review all grants. The first FY'04 LETTP grant group purchases realized a savings of \$666,817.85.

**City Police Departments** are: Cowgill, Fair Play, Hamilton, Hazelwood, Independence, Liberty, Macon, Olivette, Ozark, Pilot Grove, Poplar Bluff, Puxico, Rich Hill, Rolla, Sedalia, Springfield, St. Charles, Theodosia, Verona, and Wheaton

**County Sheriff Departments** are: Atchison, Barry, Camden, Clay, Oregon, Randolph, Ripley, Shelby, St. Francois, Vernon, and Wright.

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## **8 Missouri Police & Fire Agencies Receive DHS CEDAP Awards**

The Department of Homeland Security announced 8 Missouri Law Enforcement and Emergency Responder agencies received Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) awards. The awards provide equipment for communications interoperability, information sharing, chemical detection, sensor devices, and personal protective equipment. DHS awarded a total of \$2,044,680 to 214 jurisdictions throughout the nation.

The grants went to: Buchanan County Sheriff's Office, JasCo Metropolitan Police Department (Oronogo), Jonesburg Police Department, Kelso Police Department, Madison County



Sheriff's Department, Park Hills Police Department, Sni Valley Fire Protection District (Oak Grove), and Terre du Lac Fire and Rescue (Bonne Terre).

DHS selected smaller rural jurisdictions by providing funding to purchase antiterrorism equipment and technology.

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## **Missouri Awarded \$700,000 DHS Grant for Transit Security**

Missouri will receive a \$700,000 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Transit Security Grant specifically for the Bi-State Transit Development Agency light rail system in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Bi-State Transit was selected because it is in one of 39 major urban area security initiative cities with a regional transit authority, and the only entity in Missouri, to receive this grant.

"Any disruption to the operation of the Bi-state Transit system would impact riders from both Missouri and Illinois. The safety of our citizens who regularly use the transit system in the St. Louis metropolitan area will be greatly improved with the implementation of this grant," said Missouri Governor Matt Blunt.

The Grant focuses on sustaining and protecting critical transit infrastructure from terrorism, especially explosives and non-conventional threats that would cause major loss of life and disruption of services. More specifically the grant is intended to address transit security issues and enhance preparedness for transit systems, as well as freight and inter-city passenger rail and bus systems.

The grant requires Bi-state Transit Development Agency to

develop a narrative of their response capabilities to a terrorism incident, conduct a risk assessment, develop a security and emergency preparedness plan and a strategy to implement those plans for light rail transit. The Missouri Director of Homeland Security must review the report before the State Emergency Management Agency forwards the report to the Office of Domestic Preparedness in the Department of Homeland Security. The report must be submitted before August 31, 2005.

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## **Missouri Receives \$2,447,211 Buffer Zone Protection Program Grant**

Missouri will receive a \$2,447,211 buffer zone protection grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This grant will be used to protect and secure areas surrounding critical infrastructure and key resource sites such as chemical facilities, dams, and nuclear plants in Missouri. The Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP) provides targeted funding through states to local jurisdictions to purchase equipment that will extend the zone of protection beyond the gates of these critical facilities.

Missouri submitted the BZPP application to the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP). The Missouri sites have already been selected by DHS and work is in progress on the plans. Once ODP approves Missouri's application, identified local jurisdictions are required to complete a BZPP plan for each site and to develop Vulnerability Reduction Purchase Plan by June 1.

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## **Buffer Zone Protection Plan (BZPP) Fact Sheet**

**What is the BZPP?** The purpose of

the program is to make it more difficult for terrorists to conduct planning activities or successfully launch attacks from the immediate vicinity of critical infrastructure or key resource targets. In Missouri, 51 sites have been identified and funding is for the "buffer zone" or area immediately surrounding these key sites. All sites have been selected and notified.

The program is based on the idea that local law enforcement agencies and first responders are on the front lines preventing, defending against, preparing and mitigating the impacts of terrorist attacks. The program increases the general capacity and preparedness of these groups by establishing buffer zones around individual assets developing purchasing plans for equipment that will reduce vulnerability.

**Who administers it?** It is administered directly by SEMA. The Protective Security Division (PSD) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is responsible for technical management, selecting covered sites and approving purchasing plans. The Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) is responsible for grant management, via SEMA.

**How does it work?** Jurisdictions develop Buffer Zone Protection Plans and Purchasing Plans for their sites, sending them to SEMA. Following SEMA's review, the Protective Security Division provides technical review and ODP performs a financial and programmatic review. After this, SEMA is authorized to draw down funds to jurisdictions as subgrantees.

**How long do they have to spend their money?** States have just 12 months from the date of grant award to expend funds. Each jurisdiction must have DHS and ODP approval prior to expending funds, and the grant will be administered on a reimbursement basis, as are all other ODP grants.

**For more information:** <http://www.sema.state.mo.us/terrorism.htm> or contact Dee Solindas (573) 526-9148 [dee.Solindas@sema.dps.mo.gov](mailto:dee.Solindas@sema.dps.mo.gov)

***10 Full-scale, 8 Tabletop, 3 Functional...***

## **Missouri's 28 HSRT Participate in 21 Exercises**



Between February 3 and April 27, 2005, State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) conducted 21 exercises for the 28 Missouri Homeland Security Response Teams (HSRT) and Forward Regional Response Teams (FRRT). Funded by a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant, the exercises were designed to validate each team's capabilities, and to identify strategies for SEMA to strengthen each team's ability to respond to acts of terrorism.

Missouri is a diverse state both rural and urban. We have military bases, universities, professional and local sports teams, 14 ports, 17 rail lines, and miles of highways over which hazardous material is transported. Kansas City and St. Louis receive Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants. The HSRT and FRRT teams were created to take advantage of assets in various communities allowing for a more effective way to protect Missourians and to respond to terrorism.

State Exercise Officer A.J. Lehmen and Training and Exercise Grant Program Manager Debbie Cheshire worked with the contractor and the teams during the initial exercise planning stages. Some newer teams wanted to test their emergency operations plans with tabletop exercise, while other teams wanted to exercise specific annexes, or other teams wanted to showcase their capabilities with a more complex full-scale multi-team exercise.

SEMA contracted with Titan to write a total of 21 exercises (10 full-scale, 8 tabletop and three functional with a drill) for the 28 teams. Each exercise was designed to determine the level of preparedness, planning, response capabilities, mutual aid agreements, and familiarity with equipment.

In addition to observing the exercises, Lehmen and Cheshire will meet with each of the teams to discuss exercise after action reports. The information will be used to determine what types of additional equipment and/or training are needed. Recommendations may also be made on the feasibility of developing additional teams.



(Top left) Tabletop exercise in Neosho. Full Scale exercises were conducted in (above) Springfield, (left) Joplin, and (below) St. Louis City.



Opposite Page: Tabletop and Full Scale exercises in Kirksville, Poplar Bluff, SEMO, Franklin County, Kansas City area, Region F, and West Plains.









# Exercises in the SEOC

Several state agencies joined SEMA as players in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) for the federally graded Callaway Nuclear Plant Exercise in May. Callaway, Gasconade, Montgomery and Osage counties opened their EOCs and called in their elected officials to participate. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) graded the state and local responders. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission graded the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant responders.



**CALLAWAY EXERCISE:**  
(Above) Department of Natural Resource, (Right) Department of Health and Senior Services



Last summer, the Office of Administration oversaw a Continuity of Operations Continuity of Government (COOP/COG) exercise for state departments housed in the Truman Building. On June 1, SEMA was on the hot seat with the COOP COG tabletop exercise – specifically to test relocating the State Emergency Center Operations to an alternate location.

Also in May, over 100 mental health professionals representing multiple state institutions participated in a one-day Biological Terrorism Tabletop Exercise at the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). The scenario called for a disgruntled family member of a client contaminating several institutions with a biological agent. The officials dealt with problems focusing on workers, medical issues, patient rights, rumor control, the media, and families demanding information, evacuations and relocation of clients. Lessons learned from the exercise will be incorporated into each institution's emergency operations plan.



**MENTAL HEALTH Bio-terrorism Exercise: Thinking outside the box – institution emergency planning.**



(Below) At COOP COG exercise Alan Prenger, Steve Cheavens, and George Riedel. (Right) Dante Gliniecki and Jim Wakeman.



# Missouri Leads Efforts to Implement Online Emergency Response Registry

By Kristi Jameson, Dept of Economic Development

The Missouri State Board of Nursing is leading a national effort to create and implement state-based, online systems of qualified, licensed professionals who are willing to volunteer in the event of a disaster or other emergency situation.

The Missouri State Board of Nursing is a board within the Department of Economic Development's Division of Professional Registration. The Nursing Board governs and regulates the profession of licensed nurses, sets standards for the approval of nursing schools in Missouri, determines the scope of practice of licensed nurses, and defines who may use the title of registered nurse (RN), advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), licensed practical nurse (LPN) within the State of Missouri. The state has approximately 80,000 licensed RNs, 5,000 APRNs, and 22,000 LPNs functioning in a variety of health care settings.

The state's Board of Nursing partnered with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to develop and implement a state-based system for establishing and verifying the qualifications of licensed professionals willing to volunteer during a state of emergency. This system, funded by a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is called the Licensed-Professionals Emergency and Disaster Registry (LEAD-R).

"Missouri healthcare professionals are generally known to selflessly volunteer their time and expertise at healthcare facilities or disaster sites in an emergency situation," said Robin Vogt, president of the Missouri State Board of Nursing. "However, the identity and licensure of these individuals must be verified before they can help" she said.

"The new LEAD-R will provide a critically important and efficient information system that allows healthcare facilities to pre-register volunteer

healthcare personnel and verify their identity and credentials in the face of an unexpected disaster."

The LEAD-R will serve as an official registry of professionals who are willing to volunteer services whenever the governor or legislature declares a state of emergency. If an emergency situation arises, a query can be run on the new system to identify the appropriate emergency respondents by proximity and credentials.

"Only designated individuals who are responsible for activating and utilizing the system will be able to query the system and activate volunteers," explained Lori Scheidt, executive director of the Missouri State Board of Nursing. "We are currently working with the Department of Health on the operational aspects of the activation."

When a licensed professional is

activated, he or she will be required to provide a photo ID and a new license card to check into the emergency staging area. The receiving entity will be able to simply swipe the license card to validate information with the LEAD-R system. The system's software will also enable the incident commander to evaluate who is on-site so he or she can make assignments based on each volunteer's area of expertise.

Each licensee will be assigned a unique PIN number corresponding with the new system. The first set of PIN numbers were issued to registered nurses with their license renewal notices, which were mailed at the beginning of the month. The number will not only allow licensees to sign up for the LEAD-R system if they choose, but it will also allow them to renew their license online and update their information at any time.

## FY 03-04 SEMA Training Schedule

Date	Title	Location
6/13-14/05	ICS Basic: Law Enforcement POST	Cape Girardeau
6/14-15/05	Special Events Contingency Planning	Kansas City
6/14-16/05	Emergency Planning for Special Needs APDS	St. Charles
6/21-22/05	ODP Standardized WMD Awareness T-t-T	Kansas City
6/21-23/05	CERT T-t-T	Jefferson City
6/21-15/05	Mitigation Planning for Local Government	Springfield
7/12-14/05	CERT T-t-T Area C only	Eureka
7/12-14/05	EOC Management & Operations	Willow Springs
7/13-14/05	Incident Command for Public Works	Kansas City
7/20-21/05	Donations Management	Chesterfield
7/26-28/05	CERT T-t-T Area B only	Kirksville
8/3-4/05	Resource Management	Kansas City
8/3-4/05	Radiological Emergency Management	Springfield
8/9-11/05	Emergency Planning PDS, POST	Jefferson City
8/16-17/05	ICS Basic: Law Enforcement POST	Chillicothe
8/16-18/05	Mass Fatalities Incident Response POST	St. Louis
8/16-18/05	CERT T-t-T Area I only	Rolla
8/23/05	Exercise Design & Evaluation PDS, POST	Chillicothe
8.29-31/05	Emergency Operations for Local Gov APDS	Kansas City
9/6-8/05	Effective Communications PDS, POST	Jefferson City
9/7-9/05	CERT T-t-T	Jefferson City
9/7-9/05	Debris Management	Joplin
9/13-15/05	Emergency Planning for Special Needs	Kansas City
9/21-22/05	Community Mass Care Management	CEMA/St. Louis City
10/4-6/05	WMD Tactical Commanders Course	Chesterfield





**680 participants, 55 vendors...**

## **Highlights of 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Conference**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Conference hosted by State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and the Missouri Emergency Preparedness Association (MEPA) attracted elected officials, emergency management directors, emergency responders (hazmat, fire, law and medical), volunteer agency representatives, and state agency emergency response personnel.

The General morning sessions included: Dr John Pelizza on “The Power of Motivation,” Brian Powers on “Taking Control by Techniques in Emergency Hypnosis,” Frank Gren on “Terrorism in Schools – An Analysis of Beslan, Russia,” Donna Forgy on “Laws of Leadership,” and Ted Bruce “Liability Issues.”

Afternoons are devoted to workshops. The workshops are: “Picking up the Pieces – Aftermath of Two Missouri Airplane Crashes,” “School Emergency Operations Plan Model – Working with School Districts and Local Government Agencies,” “Citizens Corps 201 – You’ve Got a Group Together, Now What,” “National Incident Management System,” “Worried Well and Worried Sick: Effectively Managing Triage and Quarantine,” “How can User Agencies and Search Managers Evaluate Search Dog Teams,” “Delivering Effective Presentations,” “Managing Your EOC During a Sustained Event,” “Planning and Recovery,” “Animals in Disasters/Foreign Animal Disease Considerations,” “Planning and Recovery Issues,” “Spiritual Health and Well Being,” and “Weather 101/Storm Spotter Information.”

